

## **2010**

### **SUMMARY OF FIREWORKS INJURIES IN ILLINOIS**

In June 2010, the Division of Fire Prevention requested data from 327 hospitals within the State to determine various facts about injuries associated with fireworks occurring during a four-week time period, which included the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Some of the information on our form was not filled out so we cannot give 100% accurate information. The number of responding hospitals is up from last year's 20% to 73 (22%) respondents. Of the 73 hospitals responding to our survey, 18 (6%) had no fireworks related injuries during the time period of June 23 through July 20, 2010.

There were 135 persons injured by fireworks this year. Injuries to males were 82 (61%) and to females were 53 (39%).

Firecrackers were the type of firework causing the highest number of injuries at (14%).

Injuries affecting the fingers were the highest percent this year, with a total of 22%. The second highest body part affected by fireworks were eye injuries, this year at 20%. Burns were the leading type of injury at 45%.